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Review of indigenous issues within the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council decides to:

(a) Postpone consideration of the review mandated by its decision 2002/286 of 25 July 2002 of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues with a view to rationalizing activities, avoiding duplication and overlap and promoting effectiveness, to its substantive session in 2004;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to seek information related to the review from those Governments, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples organizations and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system, including the special mechanisms seized with indigenous issues, which have not yet submitted their views;

(c) Also request the Secretary-General, on the basis of the information received, to provide additional substantive analysis addressing the elements contained in paragraph 8 of its resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000.

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